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In re Application of

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit herewith prior art as cited on the attached PTO Form-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Contingent Request Under Rule 97(c): Should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under the above Atty Dkt. No., and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Consideration of the foregoing, plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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